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SUMMARY: COMMISSION OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID MET AUGUST 24 TO HEAR PROPOSALS FOR A REPORT TO THE PLENARY, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF 1976 HAVANA SEMINAR. COMMISSION WAS DESIGNED AS FORUM, WITHIN THE CONFERENCE BUT APART

FROM THE PLENARY, TO ALLOW NGO'S AND SOME NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO LET OFF STEAM IN WAYS WHICH WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS WOULD PREFER TO PLAY MORE IMPORTANT ROLE. SPEAKERS ADVANCE PROPOSALS FREQUENTLY MORE RADICAL THAN THOSE MENTIONED IN PLENARY. DRAFTING COMMITTEE MADE UP OF COMMISSION OFFICERS AND RAPPORTEUR, IS CHARGED WITH PREPARATION OF FINAL COMMISSION DOCUMENT WHICH, IF WRITTEN AS PROGRAM OF ACTION, IS LIKELY TO ENGENDER A MOVE TO GET THE CONFERENCE TO SUBMIT THE PROGRAM TO UNGA FOR ACCEPTANCE. END SUMMARY

- 1. COMMISSION BEGAN TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS AUGUST 24 (FIRST ATTEMPT TO BEGIN ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION ABORTED YESTERDAY WHEN INTERPRETING EQUIPMENT BROKE DOWN) UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN TO PRODUCE BY AFTERNOON AUGUST 25 A PROGRAM OF ACTION TO BE READ TO PLENARY. CENTER FOR APARTHEID CHIEF REDDY URGED COMMISSION TO BASE ITS WORK ON PROGRAM OF ACTION OF 1976 HAVANA SEMINAR AND TO GO ON FROM THERE TO CONSIDER SUBJECTS SUCH AS NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA. THROUGH RESPECT FOR BREVITY, HORDE OF SPEAKERS MADE VARIETY OF PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN COMMISSION FINAL PRODUCT. SAMPLING OF SPEAKERS' EFFORTS FOLLOWS.
- 2. LEONARD GANCHAROV OF SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, STRONGLY SUPPORTED CHARGES OF SEAN MCBRIDE (REFTEL) ON WESTERN CONFIDENTIAL.

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AND NATO NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THEN LAUNCHED LENGTHY JUSTIFICATION OF SOVIET POLICY IN HORN OF AFRICA.

- 3. MIKE TERRY, UK ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT, CLAIMING ALSO TO SPEAK FOR JOAN LESTER, CHAIRMAN OF LABOR PARTY, AND DAVID STEEL, LEADER OF LIBERAL PARTY, PROPOSED A WORLD PETITION TO GENERATE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS WHICH COOPERATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THE PETITION WOULD BE ISSUED ABOUT OCTOBER 11 AND PRESENTED TO UNGA DECEMBER 10.
- 4. PAUL RUTISHAMER, OF ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT OF SWITZERLAND, SUGGESTED THE PROGRAM INCLUDE GENERAL OBASANJO'S PROPOSAL TO BAN THE ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN CONTRACTORS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA. RUTISHAMER ALSO FAVORED ACTION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID TO DEVELOP A BLACKLIST OF FIRMS AND BANKS WHICH INVEST IN OR TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
- 5. ESKER TOYA, NIGERIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SOUTH AFRICA, CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ROLE OF NATO IN SOUTH AFRICA'S MILITARY BUILD-UP AND PROPOSED NATIONALIZATION OF THE ASSETS OF FIRMS OWNED BY NATIONS COLLABORATING WITH PRETORIA. HE ALSO SUGGESTED A CONTINENTAL FUND, FINANCED BY SPECIAL TAXES ON THE

"PROFLIGATE SPENDING" OF AFRICAN ELITES, TO SUPPORT THE FRONT LINE STATES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

- $6.\ \ IRAQI\ REPRESENTATIVE\ A.J.\ AL-HADDAWI\ PROPOSED\ INTER\ ALIA:$
- --UN RECOGNITION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE MAJOR MEANS OF SETTLEMENT OF COLONIAL DISPUTES IN AFRICA.
- --ALL STATES SHOULD SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
- --STATES SHOULD PREVENT MERCENARY SERVICE AND MAKE SUCH SERVICE A CAPITAL OFFENSE.
- --UN SHOULD DEAL WITH APARTHEID, ZIONISM AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF RACISM AS ONE PROBLEM.
- 7. JOHN HOSEY, UK CITIZEN, DESCRIBED IN EXCESSIVE DETAIL TORTURES REPEATEDLY INFLICTED BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE ON HIS SON AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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OTHER PRISONERS. THEN HE CALLED FOR CREATION REHABILITATION CENTERS AND JOBS FOR RELEASED SAG PRISONERS.

- 8. DANIEL ANAGLOTE, GHANA NATIONAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, SUGGESTED:
- --AFRICAN YOUTH SHOULD STAGE MORE ANTI-APARTHEID DEMONSTRATIONS IN AFRICAN CAPITALS.
- --CITE BY NAME THOSE NATIONS SUPPORTING SAG.
- --CUT OFF RELATIONS WITH NATIONS AND MCNS TRADING WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
- --YOUTH FROM ALL AFRICAN NATIONS SHOULD JOIN ARMIES OF FRONT LINE STATES.
- --UN FORCE TO BOLSTER FRONT LINE ARMIES.
- --CLEAR WESTERN STATEMENT OF NON-INTERFERENCE IF SOCIALIST STATES SHOULD "TAKE THE FIELD" AGAINST SA.

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--SA DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD CONSTITUTE JUSTIFI-CATION FOR AFRICAN REQUEST FOR INCLUSION UNDER SOVIET NUCLEAR UMBRELLA. CONFIDENTIAL

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- --EXPEL SAG FROM UN.
- --ESTABLISH A SPECIAL AFRICAN LIBERATION FRONT RADIO STATION TO BROADCAST INTO SA.
- 9. VASSOS LYSSARIDES (CYPRIOT) OF AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLID-ARITY ORGANIZATION, SUGGESTED, INTER ALIA:
- --ACTION NOW, NO FURTHER DELAYS.
- --INCLUDE HAVANA PROGRAM OF ACTION AS PART OF FINAL PRODUCT OF LAGOS CONFERENCE.
- --UN MEMBER STATES TO PASS PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION FOR TRADE UNIONS WHICH BOYCOTT VESSELS AND PLANES CARRYING GOODS TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA OR WHICH STRIKE AGAINST FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
- --EXPEL SAG FROM UN AND "EXPOSE" NATIONS WHICH OPPOSE EXPULSION.
- --URGE PEOPLES OF NATO COUNTRIES TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST NATO LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY.
- --OPPOSE BANTUSTANIZATION AND RECOGNIZE THAT, ALONG WITH ISRAE-

LI POLICY ON THE WEST BANK, IT CONSTITUTES A GROUP APPROACH TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

- --DON'T FEAR LACK OF CONSENSUS AS THOSE WHO PUT CONSENSUS AHEAD OF STRONG PROGRAMS SHOW WHERE THEIR TRUE INTERSTS LIE.
- 10. INGEBORG WICKE, ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT OF WEST GERMANY, MADE DETAILED, SUPPOSEDLY FACTUAL PRESENTATION CHARGING FRG NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH SAG. SHE CLOSED WITH CALL FOR ADDITIONAL PROTESTS AGAINST THIS RELATIONSHIP.
- 11. (FNU) IKOPU OF NIGERIAN ANTI-APARTHEID COMMITTEE, DESCRIBED APARTHEID AS WHITE SETTLER COLONIALISM, PERPETRATED BY BRITISH AND DUTCH, IN WHICH WHITE-CONTROLLED LANDS ARE THE METROPOLE AND NATIVE HOMELANDS ARE COLONIES AND CAPTIVE MARKETS. WHOLE EDIFICE SUOORTED BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM. CONFIDENTIAL.

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SIMILAR SITUATION DID NOT DEVELOP IN NORTH AMERICA, IKOPU NOTED, BECAUSE AMERICAN WHITE SETTLERS MANAGED VIRTUALLY TO EXTERMINATE THE NATIVES. WESTERN SUPPORT FOR SA INCLUDES ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO AFRICA AND MAY LEAD TO CALLS FOR OUTSIDE HELP. WEST, THROUGH ITS SUPPORT FOR SA AND REFUSAL TO SUPPORT THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION, IS DRIVING AFRICA TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. SPECIFICALLY, IKOPU PROPOSED:

- -STRICT ADHERENCE TO HAVANA DECLARATION; NIGERIA DOES NOT APPRECIATE "ANTICS" OF WESTERN COUNTRIES TRYING TO SOFTEN LAGOS DECLARATION
- -GIVE ARMS AND MILITARY AID TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
 -ONLY LEGITIMATE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
 ARE SWAPO, PATRIOTIC FRONT, ANC AND PAC. ANY ASSISTANCE GIVEN
 TO OTHER GROUPS ABSENT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH OAU CONSTITUTES
 FACTIONALISM AND IS NOT IN AFRICAN INTEREST.
- -CHAPTER VII FINDING, MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, SANCTIONS AGAINST COMPANIES AND COUNTRIES WHICH COLLABORATE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
- -AFRICA, SOUTHERN ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEAN TO BE DECLARED A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE.
- 12. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW IF THESE OR ANY OTHER OF THE MANY PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD WILL BE INCLUDED IN COMMISSION FINAL PRODUCT NOR IS IT YET CLEAR THAT PRODUCT WILL BE IN FORM OF PROGRAM OF ACTION. COMMISSION OFFICERS, ASIDE FROM HARRIMAN, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDIA, JAMAICA AND ROMANIA, AS WELL AS VASSOS LYSSARIDES, FORMER CHAVIRMAN OF LISBON ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE (SEE PARA 9 THIS TEL), JUDGE WILLIAM H. BOOTH OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA, KADER-ASMAL OF ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT OF IRELAND AND L.G. ERIKSSON OF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND. THIS IS A REASONABLE BALANCED CROSS-SECTION OF COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS. THERE

WILL BE STRONG PRESSURE FROM MANY COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR INCLUSION OF RADICAL PROPOSALS, BUT NIGERIAN UN PERMREP HARRIMAN AND TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM HAVE REPORTEDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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